हबीबगंज रेलवे स्टेशन भोपाल के निर्माण पर खर्च की जाने वाली धनराशि

6815. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994-95 के दौरान भोपाल के निकट हबीबगंज रेलवे स्टेशन के निर्माण पर कितनी धनराशि खर्च किए जाने का विचार है;

(ख) उक्त रेलवे स्टेशन का निर्माण कार्य कब तक समाप्त हो जाने की सम्भावना है; और

(ग) निर्माण स्थल पर अतिक्रमण द्वारा बनी बती का सफाया करने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है तथा इस संबध में विलम्ब होने के क्या कारण है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी॰ के॰ जाफर शरीफ): (क) 2.00 करोड़ रुपये

(ख) मार्च, 1995 तक

(ग) राज्य सरकार के साथ इस मामले में पहले ही से कार्रवाई की जा रही है

Introduction of Palace on Wheels train in A.P.

6816. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce the Palace-On-Wheels train to cover South India especially Andhra Pradesh to attract tourists;

(b) if so, what are the details of proposed circuit, its salient features and by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) what will be the charges and how much time it will take to cover the entire South India?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) to (c) It is proposed to introduce tourist train service on the pattern of Palace on Wheels on the following circuits covering South India:-

1. Madras Egmore-Pondicherry-Karaikal / Velankini-Tiruchchirappalli-Madurai-Rameshwaram-Thanjavur-Chidambaram-Madras Egmore,
2. Bombay-Aurangabad-Nanded-Secunderabad-Hyderabad-Pune-Bombay.
3. Goa (Madgaon)-Mangalore-Mysore-Hospet-Bangalore-Goa (Madgaon)
4. Bangalore-Mysore-Madras-Kodaikanal. Road-Kanniya Kumari-Trivandrum-Cochin-Mettupalayam-Bangalore.

The Salient features of the scheme are that these services will be operated on itineraries of 7 nights/8 days on the principle of "travel at night and sight-seeing by days". While the tourist train service listed at serial no.1 is being launched in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Tourism Development Corporation from October, 1994, for the remaining it has been decided to invite bids on 'Build and Operate basis' from public and private sectors in the field of tourism, travel, hotel and related industries. The estimated time for construction and introduction of these services would be one year from the date of award of contact after finalisation of bids.

Manning of Unmanned level-crossings

6817. SHRI GOPALRAO VITHALRAO PATIL:
MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have begun the process of manning 500 unmannel level-crossings;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of unmanned